

CHAPTER 250.

RULES OF COURT.

AN ACT to authorize the supreme and district courts to adopt rules to regulate the practice of law in civil cases.

Rules of practice.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the supreme court and the several district courts of this State may adopt such rules as they may respectively deem necessary and expedient for the regulation of the practice of law in their respective courts, not inconsistent with law, and the authority hereby conferred shall be held to extend to and authorize the said courts to provide by rule for making up issues during vacation, also for the mode and manner of settling bills of exceptions, and may extend the time for signing bills of exceptions beyond the terms at which the cause is tried; also for filing at any time before going to trial, additional causes of action or defence, under such terms as said court may deem just and equitable, and may also provide by rule for allowing to the prevailing party in civil cases, some reasonable amount as costs, beyond fees of witnesses and fees of officers, by way of indemnity for his expenses in the action, in all cases where the defence is evidently put in for delay, or the prosecution is groundless, or the defence unfounded, and such other cases as they may deem it expedient: *Provided,* no rule relating to costs shall be enforced in the district court until after having been submitted to and approved by the judges of the supreme court.

Approval.

SEC. 2. That this act go into force from and after its publication in the Iowa City Republican and Capital Reporter.

Approved January 29, 1857.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa Capital Reporter Feb. 11, 1857, and in the Iowa City Republican, Feb. 10, 1857.

ELIJAH SELLS,
Sec'y of State.